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Ada Patterson On Persons Who Change Their Minds

Second Article on Human Nuisances

THERE is no person of quite so exasperating conduct as the man and woman, and it is as often one as the other, who "change their minds," and deem this a sufficient excuse for anything they may do.

I heard a man returning from an unsuccessful attempt to buy a house from a woman who had the day before promised to make the sale, say, "It is only a woman would dare do that. If a man had tried it I would have invited him out to a back alley and given him a kicking. And I would have got the house besides. But what can you do with a woman."

"You can sue her, my friend, and it will be an excellent way to teach business principles to women who know them not. Stern lessons for tender creatures are these business principles, but everyone needs the tuition, and a lawsuit is one of the experiences no one forgets. It is a whipping by the schoolmaster, the world."

The mind changers are the maddest of milliners, the bankrupts of dress-makers and tailors, the despisers of real estate agents, the plague of their friends and the tormentors of their unhappy spouses.

A miserable man who had been enticed into a shopping expedition before Christmas stopped on the sidewalk before a New York shop and administered his life partner.

"This great annual swap will be the death of me," he growled. "Do you want to go in there? Are you sure you do. Then, go, and don't come out again and stir you didn't."

He was not a sweet tempered man, this rebel on the curb, but there was logic in his persuasion. The woman who change their minds about what they want didn't know whether they wanted it in the first place. A witty bishop characterized a nation as "those who don't know what they want and won't be satisfied until they get it." This wasn't fair to the nation that has produced soldiers, philosophers and statesmen who well knew what they wanted and are hard at getting it for themselves and countrymen. But it is an admirable characterization of a class of human nuisances restricted to no climate nor sex, age nor condition.

Once pin the mind to an aim we will work tremendously and wait patiently for it. There will be no probability of our changing our mind if we have one. Ask such a person why he has changed his mind and he will totally unable to tell you. He doesn't know. He never will know. The fact is enough and curious, he considers it a perfectly legitimate excuse. He cannot tell you the reason for that change of mind because he doesn't know it. His direction may have pointed his former ideas out of place. The weather may have sent his spirits below par. Some one may have hypnotized him by a suggestion. He cares less than he knows. Scorning woman's axes—old reason "I did it because," he feels superior and sufficient when he announces "I changed my mind."

Lack of a sense of responsibility is being every whimsical change of mind. That a choice of something of some sort has been made does not seem to the rapid mind changer to mean any consequent duty of standing by the choice. The man or woman of staunch trained principles will choose carefully and having made the choice, will defend it, as the last of the color bears his flag, while life is in him. That variable mental matter we call mood does not govern him. He is ruled by a deep well planted, less rooted sense of human accountability.

Few persons who while living in the

cradle of our last hours, the bed of the dying, hold to their earliest conceived opinions. As they have climbed the heights of life, the sunshine of truth, which their infant hands had grasped as futilely as a child the fugitive sunbeams, grows steadier and stronger. That which they guessed they came to know. Their vision has widened. Their grasp of the realities is larger and stronger. But these execute no mental somersaults. They do not change their minds. Those minds grow. They assimilate the little views in the larger.

Spunkiness administered in youth, is the hope of the mind changer. If he be taught by means of a well emphasized slipper, that having chosen he must stand fast, many of the contrs will have to hang up a "To let" sign and the world will be a far more stable and comfortable abiding place for the rest of humankind.

HOLD WITNESS UNDER HALF MILLION BOND

Boston, Mass., Dec. 23.—Miss Lucile Zeigler, room mate of Avis Linnell at the Y. W. C. A., is held in \$500,000 bonds as a witness in the trial of Rev. Clarence V. T. Richeson, charged with the murder of Miss Linnell. Although Richeson's counsel, Wm. A. Morse, after visiting his client in jail said he appeared weak, Dr. Howard A. Northrop, who performed the operation on the prisoner after Richeson had mutilated himself on Wednesday, said the patient was "getting along as well as could be expected under the circumstances, and that unless unforeseen complications developed he should be able to attend the trial on January 15.

The Christmas Spirit

By "The Gentlewoman"

MODERN methods of spending Christmas are permeated by the spirit of the age. A ceaseless materialism is everywhere evident, and the true spiritual significance of the event is in most cases entirely overlooked. Feasting and jollifying and merry-making are the chief aims kept in view. People probe no deeper than the surface. Their outlook is limited by the physical, and limitation inevitably results in boredom. Few grown-up people look forward to Christmas with any anticipation. They partake of its pleasures, but they are, on the whole, heartily glad when it is over.

Of course, Christmas has always been a joyful time, but the spirit of joyfulness differs in quality. The joyfulness of today is a leaden sort of thing. There is nothing that is light or aspiring or really happy in its composition. It is a mere travesty of the reality.

One looks in vain for the genuine Christmas spirit. It has departed with the Yule logs and the boar's head of former days. Families no longer gather together from all quarters to celebrate Christmas. They separate and go home and there in quest of seasonable jollity. Hotels and boarding houses beckon all those desirous of spending a really happy Christmas

to come thither. Forsaking father and mother home and kindred for such foreign hopes, those in quest of gaiety respond to the invitation only to find—what philosophers have long ago discovered—that happiness is neither here nor there, but that it is one's own soul.

Even present-giving, which used to be a symbol of love and gratitude, has deteriorated and become a duty painfully borne. Only the expense and the bother seem to be considered; the joy of giving, the true significance of the bestowal of gifts is forgotten.

A generation ago, if stories of the period are to be believed, everybody became expansive and genial at Christmas-time. Mortal enemies became reconciled and grumpy and growling people grew gracious. No one can say that this adequately describes the present-day Christmas attitude. This is because the true spirit is lacking, because the central fact of Christmas is forgotten. We eat and drink and make merry, but our hearts remain untouched.

However, this is probably a phase that will soon pass away. Materialism is a hard master, and its servants are bound to rebel. The true Christmas spirit will return in all its simplicity and beauty. In the meantime, the gentlewoman wishes for her readers a right merry and joyous Christmas.

The following program will be given at the First Christian church Sunday evening, while the other services will be held at the usual times:

Hymn, "Praise the Lord, ye heavens adore him," congregation.
Anthem, "There shall come forth a star," choir.
Solo, "He shall feed his flock," (from the Messiah), Handel, Mrs. Wilbur M. Derthick.
Anthem, "The Magnificat," Blumenthal, quartet.
Hymn, "Silent night," Hadyn, quartet.
Anthem, "Bethlehem," Bartlett, quartet.
Hymn, "I came upon the midnight clear," congregation.
Schubert, with correlation Madonna pictures (stereoscopic), Mrs. Wilbur M. Derthick.
Hymn, "Hark the herald angels sing," choir.
The quartet is composed of Mrs. Katherine Bacon, soprano; Miss N. Van Surdam, alto; Mrs. E. V. Barrien, tenor; W. H. Bryan, bass.

In connection with the musical program, the pastor, Rev. Perry J. Rice, will read the New Testament narrative of the incidents attending the birth of Christ with correlation (stereoscopic) views.

FIRST METHODIST.
At the First Methodist Episcopal church the usual services will be held at the regular hours, and the special musical programs will be given both morning and evening, as follows:

Morning Service.
Organ voluntary.
"The angel chorus," by Lorenz.
Hymn 107.
Anthem, "Sound over all waters," by Ira B. Wilson.
The pastor, "Christmas."
The "Gloria Patri."
Scripture lesson.
Offering.
Solo, "O little town of Bethlehem,"

CHIHUAHUA MEN LOSE TO WOMEN

Are Defeated at Bowling; Christmas Dinner to Newsies

Chihuahua, Mex., Dec. 23.—The second contest of a series of three games between the Chihuahua Women's Bowling club and the Star Bowling association, composed of men, at the Foreign club alley, resulted in a unanimous defeat for the men for the second time. For the women, Miss Mildred Hood rolled high game with 124, while Mrs. G. C. Harding rolled high score 478. Mrs. D. Minihan participated in her first contest and averaged 148. The Misses Corinne Brittingham and Nellie Freeman exceeded, far and away, their scores of the previous contest. The teams and score:

Women's Bowling association.
Miss M. Hood 143 194 138
Miss C. Brittingham 124 128 127
Mrs. D. Minihan 126 147 150
Mrs. G. C. Harding 154 163 161
Miss N. Freeman 156 113 147
Star Bowling association.
Callahan 138 128 125
McLaughlin 156 120 156
Sweeney 109 143 139
Minihan 175 123 119
Brittingham 127 129 109
High score, Mrs. G. C. Harding, 478; high game, Miss Mildred Hood, 194; points won, Women's Bowling association, 2; Star Bowling association, 0.

Want City Ticket Office.
The chamber of commerce in executive session took up the subject of discussing a request to the National Lines railway for a ticket office in the heart of the city. The subject was carried without a dissenting vote, and a written request was sent to the officials of the line.

Dinner to Newsboys.
J. R. Anderson, of the Chihuahua Lumber and Manufacturing company, will give a dinner to the newsboys on Christmas day. Mr. Anderson is distributing the tickets himself. The only thing he asks in return from the poor men and boys who accept of his hospitality is a clean pair of hands and a shiny face.

Aged Man Dies.
Santano Perez, one of the oldest and most prominent Mexican citizens of El Paso, died here at the age of 80 years. Senor Perez was a big figure in the time of Diaz's early activities, and was one of the contrs who ever combated with the great warrior. After Diaz assumed office Perez allied himself with the Diaz regime. For the past 30 years he has been engaged in raising cattle and leaves a comfortable fortune.

Mrs. Creel Buried.
Juan Creel has returned to this city, after spending about six months in California. He accompanied the remains of his wife, believed to be Barbara Creel, who died in Santa Barbara, Cal., in September. The funeral of Mrs. Creel, from the cathedral, was one of the largest ever seen in this city. Many prominent people from all over the republic were in attendance and rode in carriages to the cemetery.

Prisoners to Have Benefit.
The unfortunate confined in the penitentiary in this city are to be given a benefit by the management of the penitentiary theater. The proceeds will go toward the purchase of many good things for the convicts.

Santa Barbara Dance.
The Teolotes club in Santa Barbara is planning to hold a big dance and entertainment for Christmas.

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Christmas Music in the Local Churches; Splendid Programs

ALL of the Protestant churches of El Paso will hold their Christmas services on Sunday, with the exception of St. Clement's Episcopal and the German Lutheran. St. Clement's will hold services on Monday morning at 7:30 and at 10:30. In the German Lutheran there will be a special Christmas service at 10:30 a. m. Monday. All of the Catholic churches of the city will hold their special Christmas masses on Monday.

The midnight mass at Guadalupe mission in Juarez, which has been observed each Christmas eve heretofore, will not be held this year, owing to the unsettled conditions in Mexico. At St. Clement's church Sunday evening there will be a special musical service, when the old time Christmas carols of various nations will be sung, and the Christ light, symbolized by 100 candles, will be used, the candles being placed on the altar.

All of the other churches will hold special musical services Sunday. The First Congregational church will hold its services in the Crawford theater Sunday morning at 11 o'clock, and a choir of chorists girls will sing the Christmas carols, while the pastor, Rev. Miles Hanson, will preach on "Christmas poetry and legends."

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN.
At the First Presbyterian church Sunday evening a program of music appropriate to Christmas will be rendered, while the morning service will be held at 11 o'clock as usual, and the Sunday school and various society meetings will be held at their regular hours.

Morning Worship.
Anthem, "Holy night," Adam Buck. Solo, "Comfort ye," (b) "Every valley shall be exalted," Henshaw, Handel, Parvill White.
Organ selection, Mr. Moore.
Anthem, "Arise, shine for the light has come," Buck, choir.
Anthem, "Hallelujah chorus," Messiaen, Handel, choir.

Postlude, Mr. Moore.
There will be appropriate scripture and hymns used in these services. The choir is composed of Francis Moore, organist; Mrs. Lela Moore and Mrs. Parvill White, sopranos; Mrs. C. E. Pollock and Miss Anne Hughes, altos; Parvill White and H. E. Van Surdam, tenors; J. A. Dick and J. G. McNary, basses.

FIRST BAPTIST.
The First Baptist church has arranged its programs as follows:

Morning Service.
Organ Prelude, Mrs. Earl.
Doxology.
Invocation, pastor.
Anthem, "There were shepherds," (Cyde).
Scripture reading.
Anthem, "But thou Bethlehem," (Wilson).
Prayer.
Hymn, "Hark the herald angels sing," Solo, "Night of night," (Vanderwater), Mrs. Ray K. Smith.
Offering.
Anthem, "Emmanuel" (Lorenz).
Subject, "Joy."
Hymn, "More love to thee."

Evening Service.
Scripture reading and prayer.
Anthem, "Glory to Israel's God" (Rosenkrantz).
Solo, "Marie,"
"A Christmas lullaby" (Quartet).
Misses Loeffler, Mayme Clark, Werle and Mrs. Graves.
Communion, subject, "Esau's brother," Hymn.

The regular services will be held at the German Lutheran church Sunday morning at 10:30 and on Christmas morning at 11 o'clock. The special music at this service will be held at 10:30 a. m.

CHURCH OF ST. CLEMENT.
At the church of St. Clement there will be held in the morning, communion at 7:30 and morning prayer and sermon at 11 o'clock. The special music at this service will be "Benedictus" in A flat, by Macfarland, and "The great day of the Lord," by Martin.

In the evening service, which will begin at 7:30, the regular choir will be assisted by a quartet, consisting of Miss Chrysta Hogarth, Mrs. H. Greer, Walter Davis and Mr. Doremus, who will be stationed in the rear of the church and sing the carols antiphonally. They will be assisted by Miss Esau Darbyshire, pianist; Mrs. V. L. Bean, violinist, and Miss Virginia Bean, cellist. The greater part of the service will be devoted to the old time carols.

Processional, hymn 51.
Carols, "Cradled 'mid the open," Adams; "The first Newborn," old German; "We three kings," traditional; "What child is this," old Irish; "When the sun hath sunk to rest," old English; "Shepherd! Shake off your drowsy sleep," old French.
Hymn 59.
Offering, anthem, "The first Christmas," Barnby.
Benediction, carol, "Holy night! Silent night," old German.
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The first Christmas, Barnby.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION.
High mass will be celebrated at the

(Edw. T. O'Kane), Mrs. H. F. Durkee, Sermon, "The message of Christmas," by the pastor.
Hymn 104.
Benediction.

Evening Service.
Organ voluntary.
"Calm on the listening ear of night," by Edw. T. O'Kane.
Hymn 98.
Prayer.
"Homage of pilgrims," cradle song, by Edw. T. O'Kane, double quartet.
Scripture lesson.
Solo, Miss Edythe Bell.
Sermon, "No room for him."
Hymn 149.
Benediction.

TRINITY METHODIST.
The following musical program will be rendered at Trinity Methodist church Sunday morning at 10:45:
Organ prelude, Mrs. Adine T. Owen.
Hymn, congregation, 111.
Prayer.
Anthem, "Sing O heavens" (Tours), double quartet.
Lessons, old testament.
Gloria.
Lesson, New testament.
Duet, "The angel of light" (Whitney Combs), Mrs. W. D. Howe, Mrs. W. W. Evans.
Offering.
Hymn, congregation, 107.
Sermon by pastor, "The Bethlehem Babe."
Hymn, congregation, 180.
Prayer.
Benediction.

Evening Service.
The evening program of music will begin at 7:30 and will be as follows:
Organ prelude, Mrs. Adine T. Owen.
Doxology.
Anthem, "Multitude of angels" (King), double quartet.
Solo, "The Virgin's lullaby" (Dudley Buck), Mrs. W. W. Evans.
Offering.
Hymn, congregation, 112.
Solo, "Christmas awake" (Marzo), Mrs. W. D. Howe.
Invocation by pastor.
Anthem, "Calm on the listening ear of night" (Glick), double quartet.
Solo, "The Virgin's lullaby" (Dudley Buck), Mrs. W. W. Evans.
Offering.
Hymn, congregation, 121.
Address by pastor, "The rising of the son of righteousness."
Solo, "O holy night" (Adams), Mrs. Robert Lander.
Anthem, "Gloria" (from Mozart), double quartet.
Benediction, hymn 723.
Sabbath school will be held at 5:30 a. m. at usual and the Epworth league will meet at 6:30 p. m.

OTHER SERVICES.
At the East El Paso Presbyterian church Sunday evening new members will be received into the church. There will be no morning service at this church, as the pastor, Rev. Kenneth Brown, will preach at Altura Presbyterian church. However, the regular Sunday school hour will be 9:45 and the Christian Endeavor society will meet at 5:30 p. m.

At Calvary Baptist church Sunday morning at 11 o'clock, Mrs. Wilbur M. Derthick will sing and the pastor, Rev. R. T. Hanks, will preach on "The incarnate deity," and his evening subject will be "God's Crown of Goodness." The Sunday school will meet at 9:30 as usual.

The services at Houston Square Baptist church at 11 o'clock Sunday morning will be of a Christmas nature and the pastor, Rev. J. J. Rolley, will preach on "The Shepherds of Bethlehem." His evening subject will be "The Greatest Question of Centuries."

The Bible school will meet at 9:45 and the Junior Baptist Young People's society will meet at 8 p. m.
At the Highland Park Baptist church Sunday, the regular services will be held both morning and evening and the pastor, Rev. E. B. Atwood, will preach on "The Birth of Jesus." Sunday school will be held at 9:45 a. m.

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Elaborate plans were discussed and prepared in regard to going to Los Angeles in the spring for the meeting of the Imperial Council. Previous places of meeting of the Imperial Council have been so far distant from El Paso that the local Shrine has never been able to go in sufficient numbers to make the showing the members would like. This year the local Shrine plans to make an impression on Los Angeles and Shrine members at large that will not soon be forgotten. A patrol of at least 20 members will be one of the features of the trip. Delegates elected were: T. C. Lee, John M. Wyatt and J. D. Love, alternate elected were J. A. Smith, J. J. Grimes and Harry Turner.

To help defray the expenses of the local Shrine patrol, it was decided last night to hold a Shrine entertainment during the month of January.

A communication from the Imperial potentate of Los Angeles, America, F. Treat, announced that El Paso would be included in his itinerary of the United States and that he would arrive on February 1. The local Shrine last night planned to hold a ceremonial session, to be followed by a Shrine banquet during the stay of the Imperial potentate and Imperial givan.

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